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SUBJ: GRENADA INDEPENDENCE GIFT

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1. EMBASSY DEEPLY APPRECIATES WILLINGNESS OF DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN "FUNCTIONAL INDEPENDENCE GIFT" FOR GRENADA TO COMPLEMENT CUSTOMARY DECORATIVE PRESENTATION. DONATION OF AMBULANCE SUGGESTED BY GAIRY AND MENTIONED BY RECENT VISITORS FROM DEPARTMENT AS GOOD POSSIBILITY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE AS IT WOULD CREATE FAVORABLE IMPACT AT TIME OF INDEPENDENCE AND WOULD SERVE AS VISUAL REMINDER OF U.S. ROLE AS "HELPFUL GOOD NEIGHBOR." SELECTION OF AMBULANCE SHOULD BE MADE WITH POOR CONDITION OF GRENADA'S ROAD SYSTEM IN MIND. MEDIUM-SIZED DURABLE VEHICLE MADE FOR HEAVY DUTY USE WOULD BE OF MORE BENEFIT TO US AND TO GRENADIANS THAN LARGER VEHICLE DESIGNED FOR USE ON NORTH AMERICAN FREEWAYS.

2. WHILE AMBULANCE WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE IMPACT UPON INDEPENDENCE, VALUE OF OUR GIFT WOULD BE ENHANCED IF SUPPLEMENTED BY ITEMS THAT WOULD BE OF EVEN WIDER DIRECT BENEFIT TO BROADER SECTION OF GRENADIAN POPULATION, SUCH AS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN GRENADA CLINICS. SUCH EQUIPMENT IS NOW EITHER IN VERY POOR REPAIR OR NON-EXISTENT. PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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(PAHO) REPRESENTATIVE IN TRINIDAD (DR. COLM O'COLMAIN) HAS

INFORMED US THAT CERTAIN EQUIPMENT GREATLY NEEDED IN PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS. FOLLOWING ITEMS SUGGESTED BY HIM WOULD ALSO MEET GAIRY'S REQUEST FOR FUNCTIONAL HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT:

(A) DIAGNOSTIC SETS (OTOSCOPES). (BATTERY-POWERED INSTRUMENT CHIEFLY USED IN EXAMINING EYES, NOSES, ETC.)

(B) BABY WEIGHING SCALES (BEAM TYPE).

(C) HEMOGLOBINOMETER (SAHLI TYPE DEVICE FOR MEASURING HEMOGLOBIN CONTENT BY COLOR-CODING METHOD);

(D) SPHYAMOMANOMETER (BLOOD PRESSURE MACHINE) DESK TYPE;

(E) STETHOSCOPES;

(F) STAINLESS STEEL TROLLEYS (4 WHEELS, 2 SHELVES FOR INSTRUMENTS.

3. WE CONSIDER THAT WITH PROPER PUBLICITY AND, IF POSSIBLE, APPROPRIATE MARKING OF ITEMS, U.S. WOULD REAP CONSIDERABLE GOODWILL VALUE FOR RELATIVELY SMALL OUTLAY, AND RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT TAKE STEPS TO INCLUDE SUCH EQUIPMENT IN U.S. GIFT TO GRENADA.
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